

TAKES NO STAND ON WOMEN'S VOTES

Position of Catholic Church on Suffrage Explained by Father Conway.

"Does the Catholic church approve of woman's suffrage and of women in politics? What do you think of this feminist movement and of woman's rights?"

"These," said Father Bertrand L. Conway, Wednesday in an interview, "are questions which have of late been put to me oftener than any others and great interest is always displayed in their answers."

"In the teaching of our church there are no formal decisions on modern developments of the woman question, but we can readily gather from the divine revelation which we maintain pure and undistorted, the moral principles that should guide one's judgment in the matter."

"Woman's rights has been defined as the whole ideal which consciously or unconsciously is inspiring women in many lands to shake off a multitude of traditional laws and conventions which have hampered her freedom of action, as compared with man's, from the beginning of history."

"The whole question is one of justice. Are the claims put forth by women today founded in justice or right? Has she or not, as a matter of fact, been deprived in the past of her right by reductions invented and perpetuated by man?"

"To put things in the Christian perspective, we must at the outset say one's eternal salvation comes first, so that if one is free to attain one's final destiny, the restrictions of sex, birth, custom, or law are in comparison unimportant. Many of our modern feminists are utter pagans, and of course set their fundamental vision of Christianity aside."

"Still this being kept in mind, Catholic women are bound to further every interest of their sex, and if there are evils unremedied to protect against them in any form in which that protection can be heard and made effective. If there is any injustice today in the status of women, Catholic women ought to be the first to seek the remedy."

"Some have declared that the Catholic church never did recognize the rightful claim of women, and that our literature has ever sanctioned disregard for women."

"It is true that the church was for centuries dominated by the old Roman law which regarded women as inferior by nature, and that the Christian conception of natural equality or moral and religious formula took some time to develop. Christian writers also looked at things from a supernatural viewpoint and thus insisted more on supernatural rights than on natural ones. Women did not object in the old days, so the many traditional restrictions in vogue when taken as a matter of course. In our ascetic writings, the warnings on the subject of womanhood are not expected by the intelligent to be panegyrics of woman's good qualities."

"There are certain principles that Catholics always bear in mind. We know that God has expressed his ideal of humanity in two types, man and woman, and that therefore no resentment should be felt against Him on the score of sex disabilities which are natural. While we grant that some of the differences between man and woman are due to tradition and education, not all are."

"There are certain differences in mind and character that depend on essential differences of function and structure; and that they do not betoken superiority or inferiority, but aptitude for different things, both essential for the welfare of the race."

"The church in estimating her saints has always ignored sex; she demands the same sanctity for the weak woman that she requires of the strong man."

NOTED DIVINE WEPT AS HE WOODED HER



MISS LUCILLE CONVINGTON.

NEW YORK.—Miss Lucille Convington, who is suing Dr. John Wesley Hill, noted preacher and president of the Peace Forum, for \$100,000 for breach of promise to marry, says that Dr. Hill wept as he told her of losing his wife and having three children which he wished Miss Convington to care for.

Says Chinese Women Not Ready to Vote



DR. YAMEI KIN

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Dr. Yamei Kin, the only Chinese woman ever graduated from an American medical school, will speak at the Connecticut suffrage convention on Oct. 20, but she does not believe that the women of China are yet ready for the ballot. They need education, she says.

"The woman suffrage movement in China was a worked up thing, a forced thing, which made a good deal of noise, but meant nothing. Men don't vote in China; they are not ready for it yet. Yuan Shi Kai is preparing the machinery so that when the Chinese people are ready for freedom the thing can be done without a jar."

On the other hand, she never condones moral lapses in the man as the world does, although she realizes how much more fatal they are in the woman.

"As a rule the mind of man is more purely natural, less open to emotionalism, more capable of logical arguments, than the mind of woman. He generally has greater self-control, greater breadth of view. Woman excels him generally in patience, unselfishness, devotion and charity. Their qualities are dissimilar, and it is really ridiculous to argue about dispositions so unlike from the standpoint of the pre-eminence of any one sex."

"The Catholic doctrine which declares with St. Paul that man is the head of the family, is a matter of divine, positive enactment. Every society must have a head, although no constitutional monarch is so restricted in his rights as the husband. The Catholic doctrine, which limits the Christian ministry to men, is again a positive law of the Savior, who recognized in man certain qualities that made him more apt to carry on His ministry among men."

"Although woman's place is in the kingdom of home, that she might bring forth and train children to love God, the hard conditions of modern life often require her to compete with man in certain industries and professions. If her work result in her physical or moral degradation, every lover of the race will combat this evil. She ought, whenever possible, to be relieved of the necessity of labor, especially if it fosters a distaste of home life, tend to obliterate sex distinctions, or destroy her natural refinement or purity."

"The church has always favored the higher education of women, although she realizes that often, as a matter of fact, the special duties of a wife and mother may curtail her chances of educational development. Every one should make the best possible use of all the talents God has given. Of course, if education be pagan in tone, there will be a return to the old immoral estimates of women that prevailed at the beginning of the Christian era."

"When it comes to the question of the vote, the Catholic church is silent. If the claim of woman to vote is just, it must needs be allowed. If it be required to enforce certain legislation that man alone would never enforce, then let the vote be given. There is no reason in itself why the vote for city or state officials should inflict any permanent injury on family life. No husband has any right to dictate his wife's opinions on politics. The little time required for actual voting could be readily spared by any woman with intelligence enough to understand the issues of a local or national campaign."

"Of course, we grant that for good cause the state can limit or increase the franchise. The sole object of either ruling should be the public good. Whether votes for women would be harmful or not, is still an open question, and Catholics can exercise to the full their private judgment in the matter. Once the vote is given as in California today, the archbishop wisely advises all the Catholic women to go to the polls. It is too soon as yet to estimate the real effect of the woman's vote in betting present conditions, but it is certainly wrong to judge the question by the stupid, immoral antics of the military suffragettes of England. Such fanaticism only put back the cause by many years, and prevents people from looking at the question or its merits."

CAPT. BOY-ED PROMOTED
BERLIN (wireless via Saville), Oct. 21.—Capt. Boy-Ed, the German naval attaché at Washington has been promoted to the rank of full captain.

Capt. Boy-Ed was formerly a third grade captain, which corresponds to the rank of lieutenant commander in the American navy. His new rank corresponds to that of an American naval commander.

ENGLAND AIMS TO KEEP BEST FLEET

Will Build as Many Ships as United States and Germany Combined.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Confidential reports received at the navy department reveal that England and Germany have anticipated the increases proposed in Pres't Wilson's new plan of preparedness. It was also learned the figures made public by Sec'y Daniels Tuesday were only a part of the general scheme for a greater navy.

Here is a summary of the information:

1. It is estimated that by 1923 Great Britain will have 80 dreadnoughts of the first class; the United States 33 and Germany at least 33.
2. The maximum size of the warship of the future is 40,000 tons displacement, with a speed of 33 knots.
3. Congress is to be asked for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 with which to begin the construction of a government owned plant for the manufacture of armorplate and projectiles.
4. The recent war games show

that American destroyers are not successful as scout ships.

To Meet U. S. Plans.

Navy experts say England is planning her battleship construction on the theory that for the future she must have as many ships of the first line as the United States and Germany combined. No matter what the program of this country may be, it is believed Great Britain will meet it with an increased proportion of new dreadnoughts.

Details obtained show unofficially that these ships of 40,000 tons will be 75 feet long, 106 feet beam and draw not less than 35 feet. Their main battery will consist of eighteen 14-inch guns as compared with the ten 15-inch guns on the Queen Elizabeth, the last word in British construction and having a speed of only 25 knots.

The possible use of 16 inch guns is to be determined by the general board. Experts point out however that where ships can see each other the 14 inch is as effective as the 16 inch while beyond the horizon is accomplished with difficulties and tends to inaccuracy.

The chief objection to the use of destroyers as scouts as demonstrated in the recent war game is they cannot carry enough coal for an extended search of the seas and cannot be depended upon in high seas. This deficiency has made the inclusion of scout cruisers in the president's plan imperative.

Plant to Cost \$6,000,000.

With the construction of an armor plate factory the government expects to save substantially upon the cost of for beginning the construction congress will be asked this year to appropriate \$1,000,000.

With this plant in operation, experts

say, armor can be produced for \$230 to \$260 a ton, as against \$425 to \$480 a ton demanded by private manufacturers.

The cost of armor has increased because of a community of interest between the steel concerns. Experts say the cost of a battleship has increased from \$15,000,000 three years ago to \$18,500,000 today. By making a fair percentage of its powder the government has forced down the price heretofore fixed by armor for the ships. This plan is estimated to cost about \$6,000,000 and the powder combination, and a similar result is expected from the manufacture of a portion of the armor plate needed by the ships. In the same way it has been demonstrated that torpedoes and mines are being manufactured at government plants at a very considerable reduction from prices demanded by private contractors.

Need More Officers.

The government is now making projectiles of smaller caliber at Mare Island, Charleston and Norfolk and Sec'y Daniels says there is no reason why it should not produce its own 14 inch armor piercing projectiles.

The general increase in both the army and navy will require an increase of officers for the future. Sec'y Garrison will ask congress to authorize the appointment of 144 additional cadets to West Point and Sec'y Daniels will ask for 250 additional cadets for Annapolis academy.

The West Point academy will also get a class of 70. Only 526 are in attendance now.

Official figures fix the number of cows in Hungary at 2,620,000, of which more than 2,000,000 are pure blooded and of the best milk producing breeds.

MRS. GALT AS SHE LOOKED AS A CHILD



MRS. GALT AT 3 YEARS.

This dainty little picture of Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt, the fiancée of Pres't Wilson, was made when the future mistress of the white house was but three years of age. It was picked out of a group picture of the Bolling children, brothers and sisters of Mrs. Galt, taken 35 years ago.

URGE TRIP TO PANAMA

Suggested President Combine Business With Pleasure.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Pres't Wilson is being urged to combine business with enjoyment and visit Panama on his wedding trip. He has not been on the canal strip since his election and there are many matters that might be easier solved through personal acquaintance.

Canal officials are urging that such a trip easily might be undertaken and would not consume much time if made by land to Key West and then by vessel to the isthmus. The chief obstacle is said to be the fact that sea voyages do not appeal either to the president or to Mrs. Galt. However, the Panama trip, like the suggested California visit, will remain possibilities until the wedding details all are arranged.

STILL CALLING FOR HELP

Red Cross is Sending Supplies to War Sufferers.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Miss Mabel T. Boardman, chairman of the national board of the American Red Cross states that appeals from the war stricken zones of Europe were more numerous than at any previous time. She said: "Large shipments of supplies are being shipped each week individuals contributing to the relief fund may designate if they so desire to what country or particular institution they wish to assist and we will comply."

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